

REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groupings was required under 35 USC § 121:

Group I, Claims 1-46,

Group II, Claims 47-55,

Group III, Claims 56-64,

Group IV, Claims 65-77.

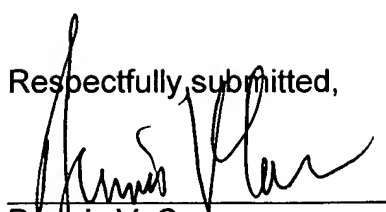
Applicants elect the inventions drawn to Claims 65-77 in Group IV with traverse for the reasons which follow. The basis for the restriction was that the inventions in each of the groupings were not capable of being used together and they have either different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects. Applicants submit that the inventions in Groups I, III and IV, are capable of being used together as follows:

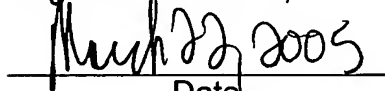
Each of the pellets produced from the process any one of Groups I, III and IV can be fed to a subsequent process as set forth in Group IV to make a molded part or sheet. Furthermore, the inventions of Groups I and IV are related to each other in that the invention of Group I includes within its scope the modes of operation for crystallizing in a pipe as set forth in Group IV. Likewise, the inventions in Group III and IV are related to each other and can have the same modes of operation because step a(2) in Claim 56, Group III, includes within its scope a process in which particles are crystallized in a pipe as set forth in Claim 65, Group IV. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions related to the further prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

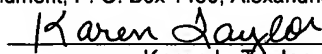

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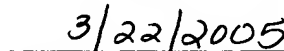

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